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A large tree uprooted during Hurricane Charley in Seminole County, Florida. Photograph by Michelle Stella

'Tis the season of wind, rain, and hurricanes

This hurricane season will be one the residents of Florida won't soon forget.

BY MICHELLE STELLA
COL Lions' Pride Staff Writer

SAINT LEO - On Wednesday, August 11, 2004, the skies over Florida were sunny. I was with a small group visiting Downtown Disney after having spent a hot summer day in the refreshing waters of the Blizzard Beach theme park. Hurricanes were the last thing on my mind.

However, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) was tracking two hurricanes in Florida's Gulf of Mexico. Hurricane Bonnie was forecast to hit Florida's panhandle around 11 a.m. the next day with her companion, Charley, close at her heels. Early estimates had Charley churning in the Gulf of Mexico ready to unleash its fury on the Tampa Bay area the following afternoon as a Category 2 with winds up to 110 mph. According to the NHC, two storms bearing down on the same state within a 24-hour period was unprecedented in the 50 years hurricane centers had been tracking them, although a similar situation may have occurred almost 100 years earlier.

While driving home from Orlando, I noted that every hotel flanking I-4 already had a special message flashing to passing cars: Hurricane Rate $42.95 per Night for Florida Residents. Local news radio 540WFLA would later report that more than 350,000 people had evacuated coastal areas from Sarasota to Tampa over the next two days, and many did so via I-4 into the Orlando area.

After Bonnie made landfall Thursday in Apalachicola as a tropical storm with winds at only 50 mph, all attention turned to Charley. I spent Thursday at my home in Altamonte Springs, which is 30 minutes north of Orlando, stocking up on necessities in the event we would be without power during and after the storm. All my neighbors cleared their yards, boarded their windows, and chatted over how they feared the spawning of tornadoes more than the hurricane itself.

Anticipation had been growing at a rapid pace, and by the time Friday the 13 came, no one really knew what to expect. Tropical storm force winds and rain squalls from Charley's outer bands began late in the afternoon in my area. Charley grew from a Category 2 to a Category 4 storm with sustained winds around 145 mph, and the radio reported a second eyewall forming just prior to landfall.

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EDITORIAL

Is the price of life right?

BY LUCAS FLORES
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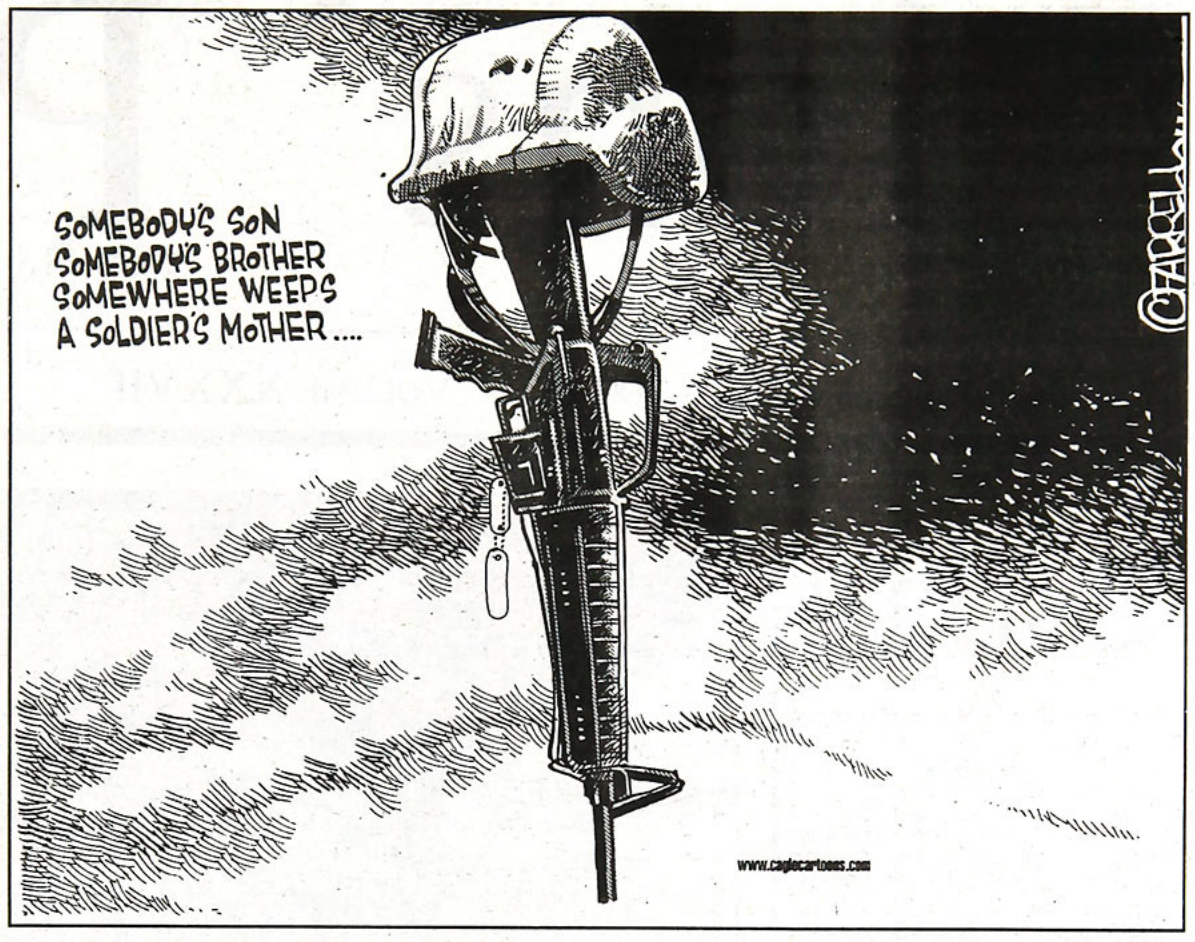

(U-WIRE) LUBBOCK, Texas — Uncle Sam wants you, and if recent reports are correct, it may not matter if you want him.

It was reported Tuesday that a senior Republican lawmaker said reinstating the draft might be a possibility if security in Iraq continues to break down.

Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel told a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on post-occupation Iraq that every American citizen understands the job of soldiers in Iraq.

He said the draft might need to be reinstated to keep the military from being stretched too thin. This is a scary thought.

In a previous column, I defended the war. I said Sen. Edward Kennedy went too far when he compared the war in Iraq to Vietnam.

But, the bottom line is — if the draft is reinstated, this would almost be exactly like the Vietnam War. People would no longer volunteer to fight for their country, some would die for a cause they did not believe in and others would dodge the draft completely.

I admit reinstating the draft would be scary. It would be hard to live each day not knowing whether you will have to go to war.

If it came down to it and I am drafted, I would go and fight. But, I also know that while this is easy to say, it would be very hard to do.

Many critics of the U.S.-led occupation said military planners did not plan to use enough troops to control Iraq. They planned the war, without planning what we were going to do afterward.

They were also saying that more military forces would be needed to restore order in the war-torn country.

I know the soldiers are in Iraq trying to finish what was started, but why were all of the possibilities not weighed and planned out?

Why did no one think there was a possible situation we would not get in, do our business and get out? Should the planners have not planned for every situation?

"Why shouldn't we ask our citizens to bear some responsibility and pay some price?" Hagel asked.

There is a huge difference between asking me to pay taxes, which pays for things such as war, and asking me to pay the price of my life.

Already, many have volunteered their lives for the war. According to Tuesday's USA Today, more than 700 service members have lost their lives in the war in Iraq.

How many more will lose their lives before the draft is reinstated? Should we worry that as the death toll rises, the chances of the use of the draft also rise?

It is hard to read or hear about the deaths. They are reported almost nightly on CNN and even on the local news. When you hear the ages of these soldiers, and many of them are your age or younger, it is even harder to take.

A very strange thing happened to me the other day. I was speaking with an elderly man. He is a World War II veteran.

The strange part is that he spoke in a heated way about the war. Not how you think. He was against it. Actually, he was against having to fight it.

It was different to hear an actual veteran that is not completely "patriotic" about the war in Iraq.

He spoke about how his grandson wanted to go to Iraq and had been speaking with military recruiters. He said his grandson was told he would not have to go through boot camp, and he would not have to be in combat.

He said he told his grandson not to believe everything he was told. He told him to stop and go to college. The veteran said he did not want his grandson to go through all the pains he saw his friends and family go through.

We are going to have to realize this war will last a while, and we will probably occupy Iraq for many years. This war, possibly, could become Vietnam if it is not controlled correctly.

The possibility of the draft being reinstated gets more and more real as the military is stretched further.

I hope we can regain control and discontinue any future need for a draft. Our troops are there for a reason. They are the best and as they stay there, we should show our support, and stop talking like they cannot handle the job themselves.

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Saint Leo's own finalist for the "Student of the Year" award

Janet Levic gives back to the community of SLU.

BY JENNIFER REILLY
Entertainment Editor

SAINT LEO – Janet Levic, a junior in business management, has made the University proud by becoming one of the finalists for the Florida College Student of the Year Award. Janet was enthusiastic when applying for the award and expressed her excitement for not only herself, but the University, in her achievements.

"I love Saint Leo and have wanted to give back as much as people before me have. I also want to make a lasting impression on the future of Saint Leo University," she said.

She has certainly made a lasting impression by becoming involved in many organizations on campus.

"I love being involved with all my activities, especially my sorority, Alpha Sigma Tau, and student government," Levic said in regards to her activities.

Levic is also involved in the Campus Activities Board. All of these organizations rely on her fervor for making this school a better place, and she serves as an example of how to do that.

Her dedication to the school encouraged her to apply for this award.

"I applied for this award because I felt that it was my time to apply for it, and that I also could help get Saint Leo in the spotlight," Levic said.

Sarah Hard, assistant director for leadership development, believes she has met this goal.

"I feel that she has put Saint Leo in the spotlight by all other involvement on and off campus," Hard said.

An example of Levic's good publicity for Saint Leo was her project of organizing Relay for Life. Relay for Life is an event that supports the American Cancer Society and raises money to find a cure. The event inspired many different student organizations to get involved and was just another example of the great things Levic brings to the campus.

Her responsibilities extend further than just her academics and extracurricular activities; she is paying for her own education through scholarships and working for student affairs. All of these responsibilities have developed her into a natural leader and outstanding person.

"When Janet sets her mind on a project, she carries it out from start to finish and never misses a detail. She is a phenomenal woman," Hard said.

Levic sets an example for students on campus by her reasonable manner.

"When faced with obstacles, Janet is not afraid to talk to people, is not persuaded by peer pressure, and does what she feels is right," Hard said in regards to Levic's people skills.

These characteristics were important while establishing herself as a leader. Levic enjoys being dedicated to her activities and would like others to do the same.

"I believe that people with passion for their involvements are effective," she said.

The award recognized Levic as one of the top students from universities and private and community colleges throughout Florida. Out of nearly 90 submissions, Levic was picked among six other candidates as a finalist for this prestigious award. The award is to be given to a student who demonstrates financial independence, academic excellence, and community service and involvement. Janet shows all of these qualities and much more.

Hard spoke for the entire University when she said, "I am extremely proud of her and all other accomplishments. She has a very promising future ahead of her."

Janet Levic

Saint Leo orientation welcomes new students

Orientation ran smooth and students experienced a friendly atmosphere.

BY NATASHA FREDERICKS KLEIN
Editor

SAINT LEO - College orientations are usually filled with long speeches, long waiting lines, and multiple choice questions, but at Saint Leo it is not nearly so horrible. The freshmen are still subjected to some of the above; after all, there's an obligation to acquaint freshmen with the university. But, the Saint Leo Orientation for the class of 2008 was nothing short of a blast thanks to the creative thinking of Saint Leo's students, faculty, and staff.

The orientation, dubbed "Finding Leo," was fun and exciting. The first difference from past orientations was the long lines at Train Stop. There was practically no waiting. Students move quickly through a line with four stops, so students could get schedules, car decals, I.D. cards, and other necessities.

The reason for the efficiency was David Porzio and Jim Stuchell, who are both Saint Leo graduates, and Karen Lobianco and Sandy Watkins. These four pleasantly explained that the goal of the stops was to lighten the traffic of Train Stop, in essence to shorten the line and provide the students with a more "pleasant atmosphere." This way, students could come in and get what they needed and get out with no muss, no fuss.

Meanwhile, over at the Office of Information Technology (OIT) students filed through and were given their laptops. Jason Murray, said OIT had ordered 436 more laptops to give to the newcomers, and students were more dispersed into groups so that they did not have to wait in a long line to receive one.

Even in the dining facility, the orientation rules had changed. Students did not have to sit in a particular group but were free to mill around and sit with parents or friends, while a group of students from LEAP (Learning Enhancement for Academic Progress) took it upon themselves to join in and help the new arrivals feel at ease.

Throughout the day, resident assistants and orientation leaders planned cool activities and helped students move into their rooms. In addition, the Saint Leo staff was helpful, friendly, and there to help students every step along the way. Both transfer students and freshman commented that everyone they met was helpful.

Kevin Dougrey, an incoming freshman, said the people were "really friendly," and Kelsy Forrister, a junior transfer student, agreed and said everyone was "so helpful." Many students echoed the words of freshman Catarina Carreiro who said everyone was "extremely nice," and she was "wicked glad" she had chosen Saint Leo.

That is not to say the orientation went off without a hitch. There were a few lines, a little rain, a few students who forgot their room numbers, and a few students who did not like their accommodations. But overall, freshmen and transfer students seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and Saint Leo was happy to welcome the approximately 400 new students who have chosen to join the Saint Leo family.

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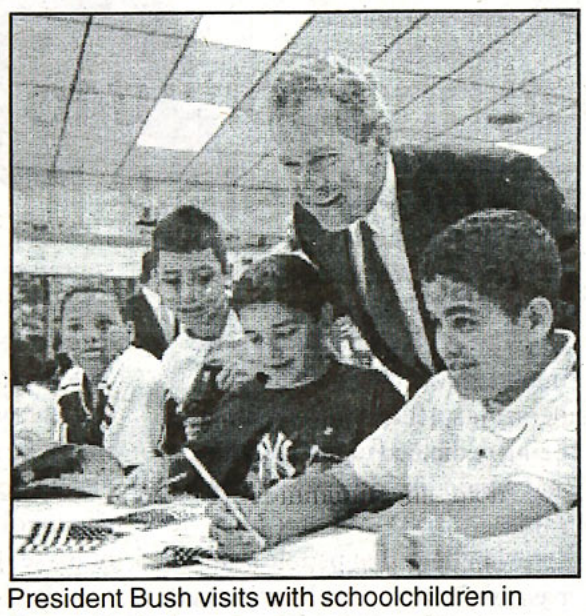
The cost of tuition and its connection to the presidential election

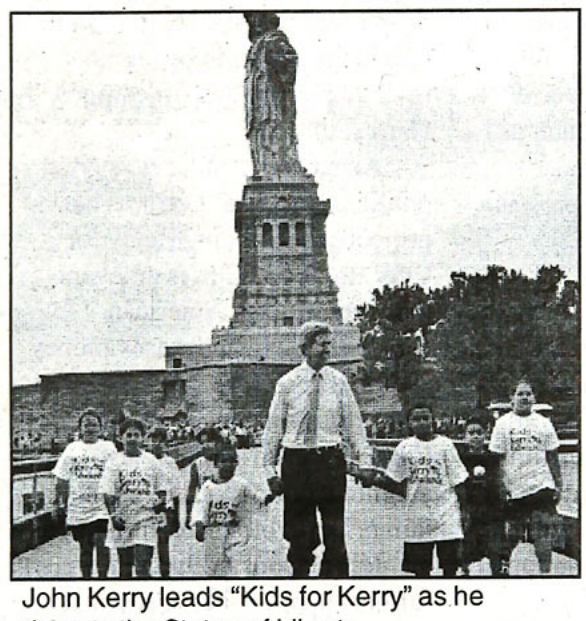
As presidential candidates prepare for the upcoming election, tuition costs have become an issue.

BY JENNIFER REILLY
Entertainment Editor

SAINT LEO - If you think tuition costs are too high, then you need to vote.

With the upcoming presidential elections, an issue that may be important to most college students is the view of each candidate on the condition of rising tuitions. Tuition, including room and board, averages $6,700 at public schools and $18,500 at private schools. This financial need is often met by loans or grants provided by the federal government. The candidates for the 2004 election have a plan to make college tuition more affordable.


President Bush visits with schoolchildren in Connecticut.


John Kerry leads "Kids for Kerry" as he departs the Statue of Liberty.

President George W. Bush and presidential candidate John Kerry have plans to raise the federal Pell grant for low-income students. VP candidate John Edwards believes that students should be given the opportunity to do community service in exchange for the funding of their education. This idea sounds convenient; students receive an education and in exchange, they give back to their community and their country.

Saint Leo student, John Kelmer agrees.

"I think the policy of community service would be efficient for low income housing families because it would give them the opportunity to pay for their education."

Other former candidates also had ideas to decrease tuition.

Former Gov. Howard Dean has developed the *Dean College Commitment*. With his plan, Dean offers some college students $10,000 a year in financial aid.

Rep. Dick Gephardt has a plan to increase the number of students entering the teaching profession by developing the Teaching Corps Program, which will pay for the financial aid of students who commit to teaching for five years.

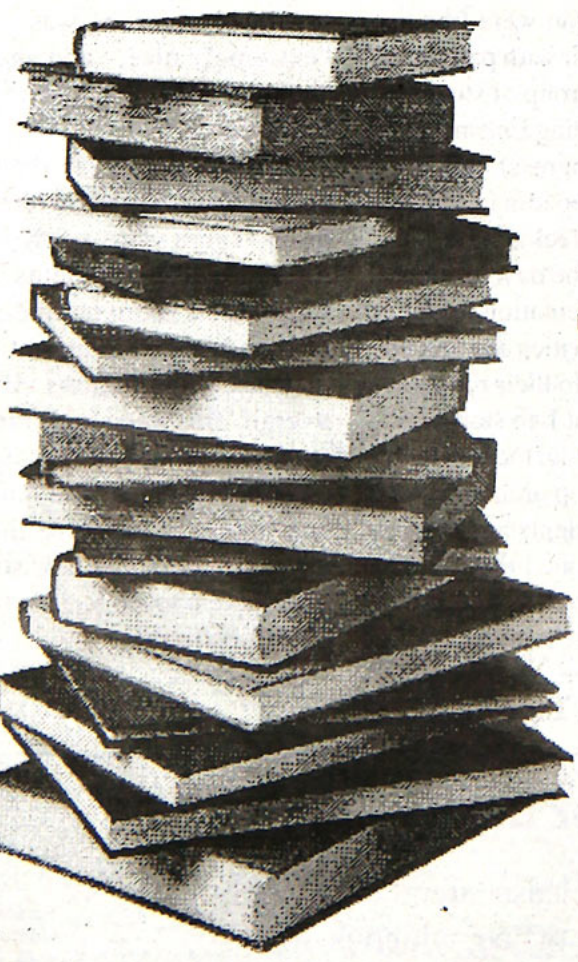
Gen. Wesley Clark believes tuition should be free for the first two years of college. He also would like to see financial aide simplified by providing a full $6,000 grant to any student whose family makes up to $100,000.

Freshman Ally Cronin sees merit in Clark's plan.

"I believe that General Clark's ideas on education are sound," she said. "His simplification of the financial aid system makes sense and seems like it would work."

CNN, who has been trying to target young voters, held a "Rock the Vote" Democratic Debate last spring. The topics discussed included racism, homeland security, and civil rights among others. Education was mentioned with references to AmeriCorps, a program that allows students to pay for an education in exchange for service.

The plans for higher education are directly targeted at the demographic that is easily represented at Saint Leo University. Our campus consists of students in their late teens to mid-twenties. It is within our able-minded youth that the country's future resides. If paying for college means strengthening the loan system, requiring community service, or encouraging certain fields of study, it is imperative that candidates develop platforms and plans for improving secondary education.



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Last semester ended with the sounds of spring in the air at Selby Auditorium

More than 160 people gathered in Selby Auditorium to see and hear the Saint Leo University String Ensemble, Chorus, and Concert Band.

BY TERESA KRONCKE and NATASHA FREDERICKS KLEIN

SAINT LEO - The muscial sounds of spring played through the air at the end of last semester.

The string ensemble, the chorus, and the concert band performed before a filled auditorium for the final performance of the year.

The first performance of the evening was the string ensemble, which included four students and a staff member of the financial aid department. After a rocky start, the group finished with grace.

"It was a really good experience for a first-time group," said Lillian Campos, freshman cello player. "I hope the group grows over the next year, and I was very pleased with the community's support."

The next performance was from the chorus. The chorus, as a whole, kept time, had a strong hold on the pitches, and stayed in tune. Their were numerous soloists who sang beautifully.

The chorus was followed by the concert band. During the first song, everyone was calm and collected. Everyone was in tune, and the flutes did a fantastic job. The second song was even better, especially the trumpets, who kept the music alive. The third song sounded a little sketchy and unstable; however, everyone made up for it with the fourth and final song. It was much more exciting, and the first clarinet did a beautiful job by pulling it all together with his solos and steady changes in pace.

"It went well," said freshman clarinet player, Louis Ritucci. "It's not what I'm used to because it's a lot smaller, and we still need to grow. But, I'll be back next year."

Overall, the concert was good, and considering it was the first time the strings had performed, and they performed without their instructor, they did fine and gained a world of experience.

The best part of the night was the chorus. They were loud enough to hear, they sang together in tune, and the soloists were outstanding.

The audience was so pleased with the performance that they asked for an encore, which made both chorus director, Jeremy Silverman, and concert band director, Dr. June Hammond, smile with genuine pride.

After the performance, Hammond said all the performers had done "a bang up job," and the audience quite agreed.

Photograph by Natasha Fredericks Klein

The chorus performed during the spring concert in Selby Auditorium

Photographs by Natasha Fredericks Klein

May Ling Lee (above) and Lillian Campos (below) exhibit total concentration during the spring concert.

Photograph by Natasha Fredericks Klein

Members of the concert band play in Selby Auditorium

Arts & Entertainment

MOVIES IN REVIEW

Witherspoon, Latifah light up weekend movie lineup

BY STEVEN HALL
Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. - By now everyone is settled into his or her classes and already thinking about the fall break. This week the theaters are going to be stretched at the "screens" with four movies being released that have potential to pull in the crowds. So which of the releases will you be purchasing a ticket for to help you enjoy the weekend?

"VANITY FAIR" (PG-13)

The classic novel of social manipulation by William Makepeace Thackeray, which has been adapted for film and television since 1911, makes a big screen comeback in such a grand manner as it has never before. Director Mira Nair (Indie hit "Monsoon Wedding") manages to still retain the heart and soul of the novel. The film features lavish sets, costumes of an era gone by and an almost entirely British cast. The lead role is played by none other than our own Reese Witherspoon ("Legally Blonde" and "Legally Blonde 2").

Set in 19th century England, "Vanity Fair" tells the story of Becky Sharp (Witherspoon). Born into poverty, Sharp is raised at Miss Pinkerton's Academy at Chiswick and given the skills needed to make it in the world. Blessed with a talent for music and language, thanks to her mother who was a French chorus girl, she quickly learns that she can use her talents to climb her way into upper class London just by impressing the right people.

During her attempt to ascend, she feels no shame in stepping on friends and betraying the trust given to her to get what she wants. One person she betrays is Amelia Sedley (Romola Garai), a dear friend she grew up with at the academy, who believes she can trust Sharp implicitly. But as the movie tag says, "All's Fair in Love & War."

"WICKER PARK" (PG-13, 115 min.)

This American remake of the 1996 French thriller "L'Appartement," is the story of Matthew (Josh Hartnett), who after living in New York for two years, returns home to Chicago with his new fiancee Rebecca (Jessica Pare), a new job and a new readiness to face the city where his heart was crushed years before.

He quickly realizes he may not be as ready as he originally thought. The memories of Lisa (Diane Kruger), the love who crushed his heart, are suddenly brought back when he sees a woman in a cafe that he is convinced is her. He becomes obsessed with finding out what happened years earlier. With the help of Luke (Matthew Lillard), he attempts to track down Lisa, while putting his engagement on hold. Confronted by surprises and his own true feelings, Matthew begins to spiral down a path from which he may never emerge.

With plot twists, constant time shifts, engaging characters and a mystery that draws you in, the story is sure to keep you intrigued and guessing up to the very end.

"PAPARAZZI" (PG-13, 85 min.)

When Bo Larami (Cole Hauser) makes his big screen debut he thinks he has everything he could ever ask for. He has his beautiful wife Abby (Robin Tunney), rambunctious son Zack (Blake Michael Bryan), fame and fortune on the way. He also has trouble. Before his enjoyment has taken hold, four tabloid reporters determined to capture every move he and his family make on camera interrupt it.

While Bo takes the annoyance and tries to move past it, the invasions become increasingly worse. Pictures of his wife and son start appearing on the cover of Paparazzi, the tabloid that other tabloids consider scum. When Bo confronts the lead of the quartet, Rex Harper (Tom Sizemore), and asks him not to take pictures of his family any more, the confrontation ends with Harper getting a fist to the face, which is, of course, caught on film.

Instructed to attend anger management counseling, Bo attempts to get help for his family. Then the worst happens. In order to get better pictures, the quartet causes Bo to have a car accident one evening that almost kills his wife. Pushed to the limit, Bo decides it is time for the tables to turn and takes the matter into his own hands.
The big question is who's there to take the pictures when the Paparazzi are the topic for the papers' front page?

"THE COOKOUT" (PG-13, 85 min.)

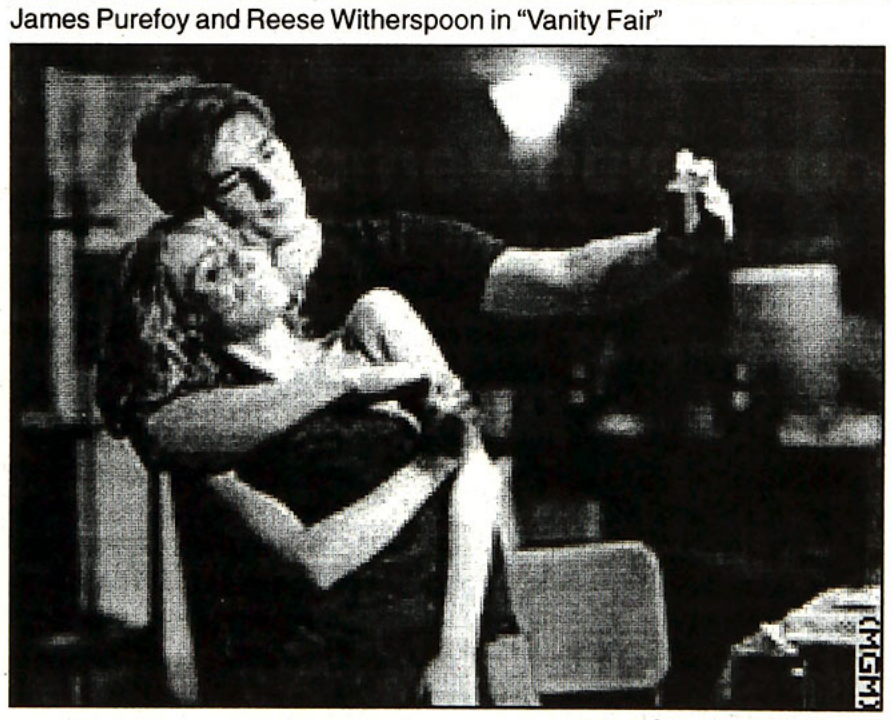
What would you do if you were suddenly $30 million richer? That's the question Todd Anderson (Storm P) has to find the answer to. He goes as the No. 1 draft pick in the NBA to the New Jersey Nets. Not only does he have to juggle his workouts and practices, but he also has to balance his fame and money with his old-time family and friends. With the change in fortune, Todd's family moves to a very exclusive, gated community and starts to live the life of luxury. Although his family is excited for his success, they begin to worry the success will go to his head. His mother Lady Em (Jenifer Lewis) is bound and determined he will not forget his roots and fights the influence of Todd's girlfriend (Meaghan Good), who thinks he can't forget them fast enough.

In the traditional style of his family, Todd prepares for the cookout for which the movie is named and struggles to fit it in to his new surroundings. Watching over all of this is the neighborhood security guard (Queen Latifah), who passed the NYPD exam with flying colors but had a little (or was that a lot) of problems with the psych exam. Armed with the wit and comedic style she is known for, she will stop at nothing to make sure not a single rule is broken and that her good reputation is left intact.

Between conversations of the extreme from the family to the unstable security guard, things are sure to heat up the barbecue before all is said and done.

Reese Witherspoon in "Vanity Fair"

James Purefoy and Reese Witherspoon in "Vanity Fair"



Diane Kruger and Josh Hartnett in "Wicker Park"

Hurricane facts and information

FEMA - A hurricane is a tropical storm with winds that have reached a constant speed of 74 miles per hour or more. Hurricane winds blow in a large spiral around a relative calm center known as the "eye." The "eye" is generally 20 to 30 miles wide, and the storm may extend outward 400 miles. As a hurricane approaches, the skies will begin to darken and winds will grow in strength. As a hurricane nears land, it can bring torrential rains, high winds, and storm surges. A single hurricane can last for more than 2 weeks over open waters and can run a path across the entire length of the eastern seaboard. August and September are peak months during the hurricane season that lasts from June 1 through November 30.

The center, or eye, of a hurricane is relatively calm. The most violent activity takes place in the area immediately around the eye, called the eyewall. At the top of the eyewall (about 50,000 feet), most of the air is propelled outward, increasing the air's upward motion. Some of the air, however, moves inward and sinks into the eye, creating a cloud-free area.

Hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Indian Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean. Hurricane winds in the Northern Hemisphere circulate in a counterclockwise motion around the hurricane's center or "eye," while hurricane winds in the Southern Hemisphere circulate clockwise. Natural phenomena, which affect a storm, include temperature of the water, the Gulf Stream, and steering wind currents. Powered by heat from the sea, they are steered by the easterly trade winds and the temperate westerlies as well as by their own ferocious energy. Around their core, winds grow with great velocity, generating violent seas. Moving ashore, they sweep the ocean inward while spawning tornadoes and producing torrential rains and floods.

The 74 to 160 mile per hour winds of a hurricane can extend inland for hundreds of miles. Hurricanes can spawn tornadoes, which add to the destructiveness of the storm. Floods and flash floods generated by torrential rains also cause damage and loss of life. Following a hurricane, inland streams and rivers can flood and trigger landslides. Even more dangerous than the high winds of a hurricane is the storm surge-a dome of ocean water that can be 20 feet at its peak and 50 to 100 miles wide. The surge can devastate coastal communities as it sweeps ashore. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributable to the storm surge.

Hurricane winds generate massive pressure. As winds increase, pressure against objects is added at a disproportionate rate. Pressure against a wall mounts with the square of windspeed so that a threefold increase in windspeed gives a nine-fold increase in pressure. Thus, a 25 mph wind causes about 1.6 pounds of pressure per square foot. A four by eight sheet of plywood will be pushed by a weight of 50 pounds. In 75 mph winds, that force becomes 450 pounds, and in 125 mph winds, it becomes 1,250 pounds. For some structures, this force is enough to cause failure. These winds will weaken after landfall due to loss of warm-water energy source.

• Heavy rains and ocean waters brought ashore by strong winds can cause flooding in excess of 20 inches over a 24 hour period. The runoff systems in many cities are unable to handle such an increase in water because of the gentle topography in many of the coastal areas where hurricanes occur. Hurricanes are capable of producing copious amounts of flash flooding rainfall. During landfall, a hurricane rainfall of 10 to 15 inches or more is common. If the storm is large and moving slowly-less than 10 mph-the rainfall amounts from an well-organized storm are likely to be even more excessive.

Storm surge is a large dome of water often 50 to 100 miles wide that sweeps across the coastline near where a hurricane makes landfall. Storm surge can range from 4 to 6 feet for a minimal hurricane to greater than 20 feet for the stronger ones. The surge of high water topped by waves is devastating. The stronger the hurricane and the shallower the offshore water, the higher the surge will be. Along the immediate coast, storm surge is the greatest threat to life and property, even more so than the high winds.

Over 6000 people were killed in the Galveston Hurricane of 1900, most by storm surge.

· Hurricane Camille produced a 25-foot storm surge in Mississippi.

· Hurricane Hugo in 1989 generated a 20-foot storm tide in South Carolina.

Hurricanes also produce tornadoes, which add to the hurricane's destructive power. Typically, the more intense a hurricane is, the greater the tornado threat. When a hurricane brings its winds inland, the fast-moving air hits terrain and structures, causing a frictional convergence which enhances lifting. Frictional convergence may be at least a contributing factor to tornado formation in hurricanes. The greatest concentration of tornadoes occurs in the right front quadrant of the hurricane.

Tropical Cyclone Spawned Tornadoes Facts

· 10% of deaths in the United States are associated with hurricanes are a result of tornadoes.

· Most tornadoes occur within 24 hours after hurricane landfall. The exception is when there is interaction with a cold front after landfall. Then more tornadoes will occur two or three days after landfall, well inland.

· Most tornadoes occur within 150 miles of the coastline.

· More tornadoes occur during the morning and afternoon rather than evening or night due to the need for a tornado to have a heat source.

· The Gulf of Mexico hurricanes produce more tornadoes than Atlantic storms.

· The majority of tornadoes occur within 30 miles of the center of the cyclone, but there is a secondary maximum further away in the outer main bands (100-150 miles away from the center).

· Tornado winds can reach up to 300 mph at a forward speed of 60 mph and are usually 100-300 yards wide.

(Information came from FEMA at www.fema.com)

Hurricane Con't

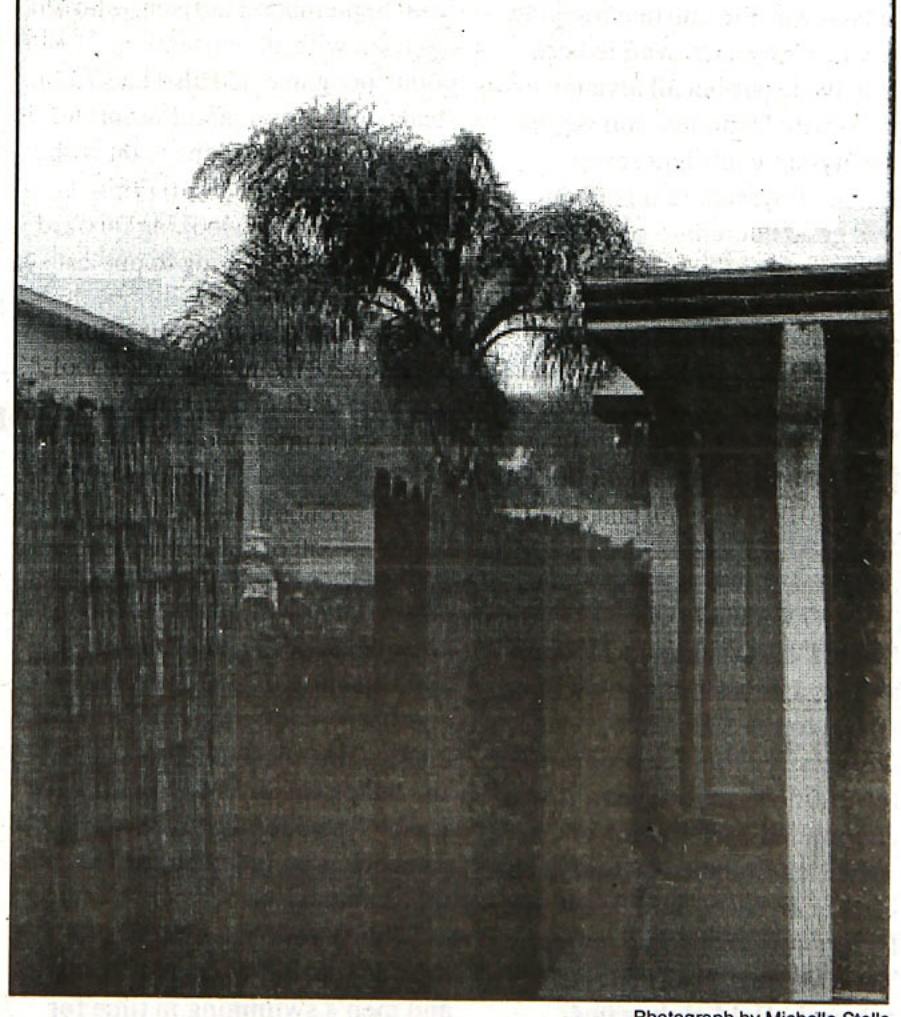
As Tampa Bay prepared for Charley to strike, the hurricane made a sharp turn inland 100 miles south of earlier predictions. It hit Punta Gorda, a town in Charlotte County about 25 miles north of Fort Myers. Its winds were estimated up to 180 mph. We listened to the reports of devastation left in his wake as Charley raged inland toward us. Following a north-northeast path up through the heart of Florida, Charley remained a powerful Category 2 hurricane.

The eye reached us at approximately 9:45 p.m., but the rear eyewall had deteriorated after ravaging Osceola County according to our 540WFLA radio host Bud Hedinger. Hedinger weathered the storm for nine hours with us by providing important updates and taking calls from relieved Floridians, who in the wake of Charley reported local damage to their areas.

Charley exited the state near Daytona around 11 p.m., taking his 69 mph sustained winds and 87 mph gusts with him. Neighbors went outside to assess damages: a large tree at the end of our block had been uprooted but thankfully missed falling on a house; another house had a massive tree fall onto its roof; and lawns, driveways, and roads were strewn with organic debris. A layer of branches and leaves covered the ground.

We had survived what CNN called "the strongest hurricane to strike the U.S. mainland since Hurricane Andrew hit south Florida in 1992." However, out in the Atlantic, three more storms were brewing: Danielle, Earl, and Frances. Danielle and Earl would fizzle out, but less than three weeks after Hurricane Charley hit the west coast, Hurricane Frances was knocking on the door of the east coast.

On Saturday, September 4, 2004, the skies over Florida were once again sunny; however, about 2 p.m. the feeder bands of Hurricane Frances had reached out and touched us already, and we were geared up for a very long, windy, and wet Labor Day weekend - indoors.



Photograph by Michelle Stella

The first feeder bands of Hurricane Frances reach the east coast and continue into central Florida.

Sports

A year in review for Saint Leo University sports.

BY MATT MCGOWAN
Lions' Pride Staff

SAINT LEO - As the academic year drew to a close and students left campus for the summer, many athletes continued to practice throughout the summer. Their hard work and dedication can be seen each year, so let's reflect on last year and look forward to the upcoming year.

The Saint Leo University men's soccer team got off to a disappointing start but finished strong with an 8-10-3 record and qualified for the conference tournament. The highlight of the season was a double over the University ofTampa in the last week of the season. Their season was ended by Lynn University, the top team in the nation at that time. The leaders for the Lions in points were junior Anthony Rosso followed by freshman Asmir Pervan and sophomore Giancarlo Conte. Sophomore Matias Perez was solid in goal, allowing just less the two goals a game. Overall, the very young Lions went though a rebuilding year and are losing only one senior; so with a new coach, this year is looking promising.

The Saint Leo women's soccer team had one of their best years in recent memory going 12-6-2 with their season coming to an end in an overtime heartbreaker to the University of Tampa. The highlight of the season was the outstanding play of Casie Poyssick who led not only the Lions but all division two clubs with 59 points, coming on twenty-six goals and seven assists. Poyssick, a freshman, was good enough to make the "Faces in the Crowd" section of Sports Illustrated. Behind her in points were sophomore Sarah Wright and sophomore Kristin Stephens. Junior Amber Ferrol was the starting goalie and posted an 1.59 goals against average.

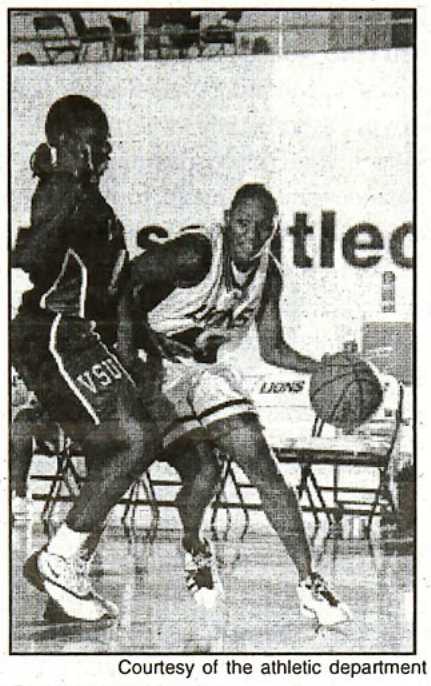
Saint Leo's volleyball team played their way to an 11-19 record. The team started off with eight wins in the first 12 games but ran into a tough stretch against tough conference opponents. Some bright spots in the year were Allison Baker who led the team in kills and total attacks and total blocks, Erin Oberlin who led the team in serving aces, and Morgan Mander who led the team in digs with 402. Overall, the team hopes their tallies in the win column will increase this year.

The Saint Leo men's basketball team encountered a rebuilding year in which they went 4-12 but learned many valuable lessons. Larry Henderson led the team in points per game with an average of 12, followed by Jaime Turner with 8.6 and Scott Seifert with 8.3. Jackie Lamons led the team in blocks with 27 on the season. Narada Caldwell was the team leader in assists per game with 3.1. The Lions feel like they have a solid foundation with a very young team and should cause some damage this year.

The Lions' women basketball team also struggled last year, not only in the standings but with the tragic and sudden death of freshman standout Elaine Evans. The tragic even definitely affected the team as can be expected. Some of the highlights of the year were from September Harrison, who led the team with an outstanding 21.8 points per game and also had 70 steals on the year, and Marina Arkhipova, who led the team with 15 blocks for the season. This young team is also looking forward to this year and hoping to put last season behind them.

The Lion's baseball team was 20-20 at the time of publication and 6-7 in the conference. Through forty games, the leaders for Saint Leo's team were Ray Horal with a batting average of .419. Derrick McNeil had nine home runs, tops for the team. Peter Martinez had the lowest earned run average for the pitcher with 3.06, while Brandon Webb led the team in wins with a 6-3 record. With the tournaments coming up, it should be exciting to see how the team finishes off the season.

Other teams that competed were Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, and Men's and Women's Cross Country. Also, two new sports had their first year here at Saint Leo: Lacrosse and Swimming. Overall, the sports teams here did not have very impressive years, but with a lot of young talent there must be optimism for the future. With Francis Riedy starting his second year of being only the athletic director, students can expect good things to come in the future for this school.



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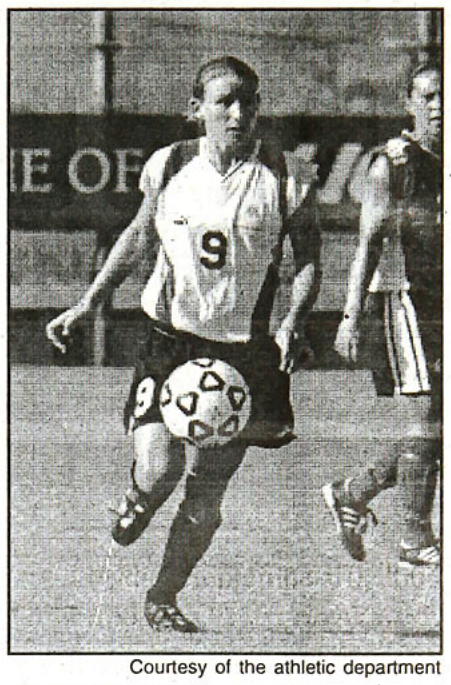

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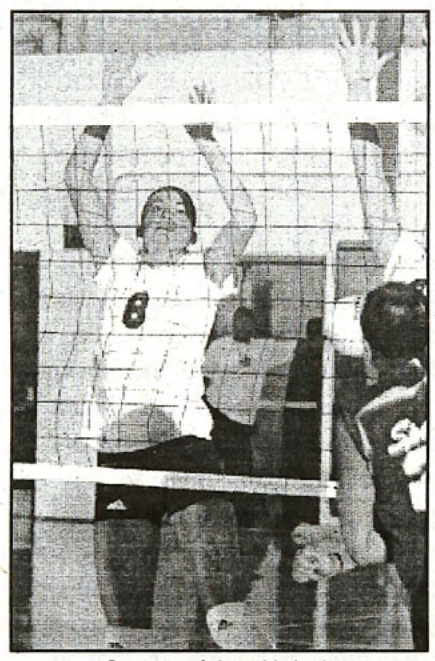

Courtesy of the athletic department
Erin Oberlin led the Saint Leo volleyball team in serving aces.

Courtesy of the athletic department
Narada Caldwell was the team leader (men's basketball) in assists with 3.1.

Saint Leo will add men's lacrosse, women's swimming to athletic program in 2005-06

BY WALT RIDDLE
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SAINT LEO - Men's lacrosse and women's swimming will be added to the Saint Leo University athletics program for the 2005-06 school year, it was announced by Director of Athletics Francis X. Reidy. The Lions currently field 13 NCAA Division II sponsored teams. The two new programs currently field club teams.

Reidy said the timetable is to start a coaching search for both programs October 1 with a target date of mid November for hiring coaches with a January 1, 2005 starting date. "The new coaches will keep the club program running, recruit student-athletes and build schedules for the 2005-06 season," said Reidy. "We will compete as an Independent in both sports initially."

Reidy said his goal was to look at starting women's lacrosse and men's swimming in time for the 2006-07 school year.

"The sport of lacrosse is growing nationally and will be a high school championship sport in Florida this school year," Reidy pointed out. "We will be the first University of any size to have intercollegiate lacrosse in Florida, and I feel this will be a huge advantage in starting the program. There are already club teams in place on campus so we have a nucleus to build upon.

"Almost every high school in Florida has swimming, and there are three other Sunshine State Conference members (Florida Southern College, Rollins College and the University of Tampa) that have swimming programs. We hope to have one more school initiate swimming, so that we can have a Conference Championship in the sport of swimming."

Other sports Saint Leo competes in at the NCAA Division II level include men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's golf.